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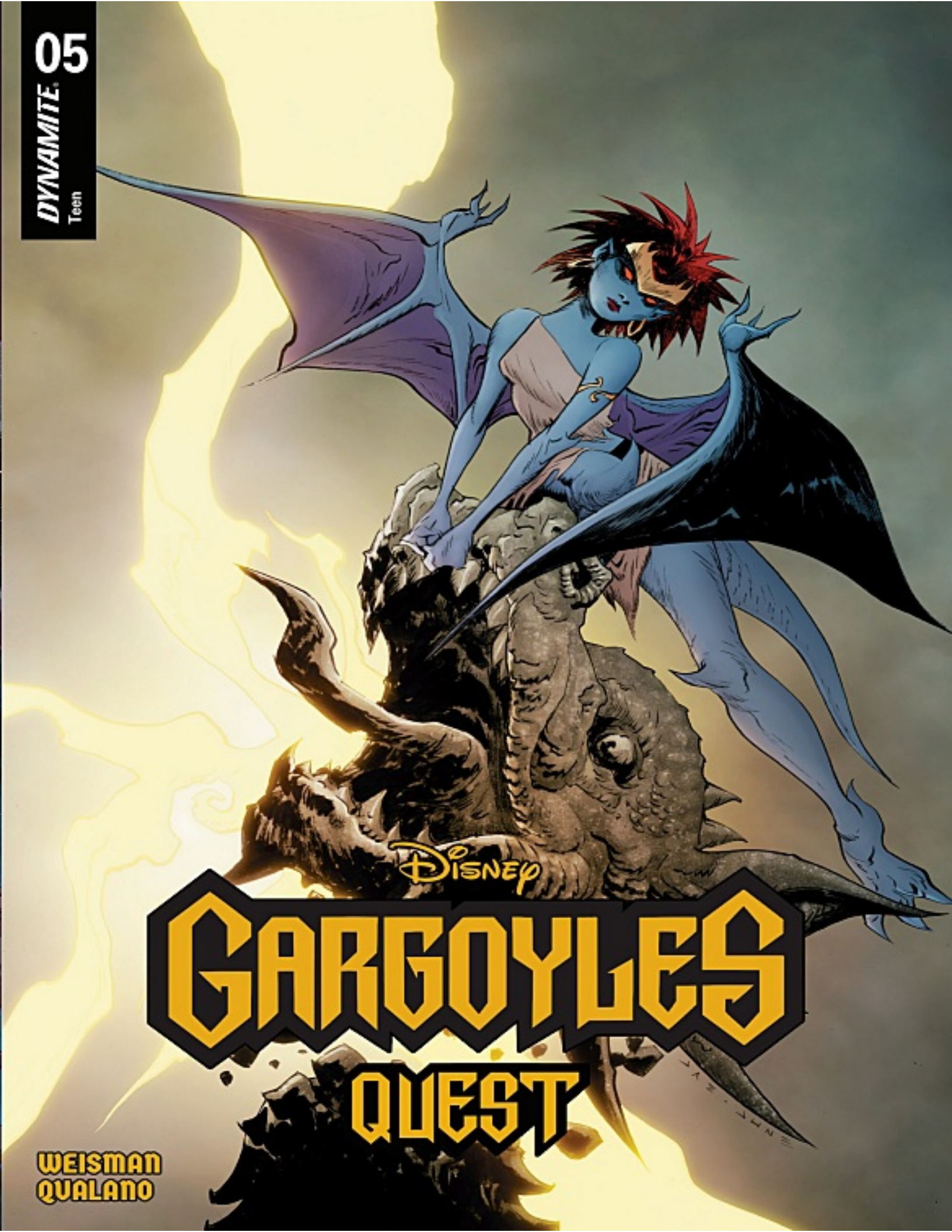
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WHAT SORCERY IS THIS?!
SORCERY, INDEED. TELL HIM, MY THRALLS.
WE HAPPILY OBEY OUR GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
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OKAY, THE BIRD SHOULD STAY IN THE FRYER FOR JUST NINE MORE MINUTES...
DO YOU HEAR THAT? THAT STRANGE MUSIC?
COME ON. WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE...
BUT MY TURKEY...
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A W.V.R.N. SPECIAL REPORT...
LATEST NEWS
...ALL OF MANHATTAN AWAITS THE COMMANDS OF OUR NEW GARGOYLE-MAGISTERS...
...AND ESPECIALLY OUR GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA!
THAT'S WEIRD.
DO YOU HEAR MUSIC?
TIN MAN
Hey. sorry. Something odd's happening here - as usual.
AMP
Um- okay. Do what needs must. We'll talk again soon-
STAY PUT, ROBBINS. YOU'LL BE SAFER HERE.
AS YOU COMMAND, MY GARGOYLE-MAESTER.
THIS... NEW...

ELISA, LISTEN TO ME...
...I COMMAND YOU TO FOREVER BEHAVE AS IF NO SPELL WAS EVER CAST UPON YOU!
I'D LIKE THAT, GARGOYLE-MAGISTER. BUT MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA FORBIDS IT.
BROTHER! A SPELL HAS BEEN CAST UPON ALL THE HUMANS!
YEAH, ACROSS THE WHOLE CITY!
MOTHER! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
MY CHILD, I HAVE DONE NOTHING LESS THAN SAVE THE ENTIRE GARGOYLE SPECIES.

HUMANS WERE NOT GARGOYLE THRALLS IN 2198.
NO. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN DEMONA'S REIGN DIDN'T LAST DECADES...
...OR THAT WE KNOW HOW TO FIX THIS.
YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT ABOUT GOING APOCALYPTIC...
...FOR EXAMPLE, ORDERING ALL HUMANS TO SIMPLY WALK INTO THE SEA...
BUT WHY POLLUTE THE OCEANS...
WHEN HAVING HUMANITY ETERNALLY OBEY GARGOYLES IS PERFECTLY SATISFACTORY?
OTHERWISE, THE HUMANS CAN LIVE THEIR PETTY LITTLE LIVES AS THEY SEE FIT...
...AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE TO VIEW US AS THEIR RIGHTFUL RULERS--AS THEY ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE.
SEEMS A LOVELY COMPROMISE.
COMPROMISE?! YOU'VE STOLEN THEIR FREE WILL!!
SIGH THERE'S JUST NO PLEASING YOU.

WELL, I HOPE YOU ALL COME TO SEE THE BENEFITS IN TIME...
...ESPECIALLY AS YOU HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER.
YOU WILL NOT GET AWAY WITH--
XANATOS, PLEASE COVER MY EXIT.
OF COURSE, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
BEEP

ENGAGE THESE--
WAIT!
DAVID, WITH MY MOTHER GONE, I AM YOUR GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA...
...AND I ORDER YOU TO DISMISS THESE ROBOTS.
OF COURSE, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT I ALREADY MISS THE OLD XANATOS.
BROTHER, LISTEN...
AS RHYDDERCH, SHOULD YOU NOT CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL... ADVANTAGES?
IF WE CAN STOP OUR SISTER FROM ABUSING THE HUMANS...
...WOULD THIS NOT INDEED MAKE OUR CLAN--OUR SPECIES--
--SAFE IN THIS WORLD?
AS RHYDDERCH, I WILL HAVE NONE OF IT! NOW, WE MUST FIND DEMONA!
LEAVE THAT TO ME.

THIS WAY!
THIS MUST BE BAD. NO ONE'S TELLING ME TO STAY HOME WITH BRONX AND FU-DOG...

LA GUARDIA AIRPORT
YOU HUMANS SO LONGED TO STEAL EVEN THE SKIES FROM WE GARGOYLES--
--THAT YOU BUILT THESE EDIFICES TO FLIGHT. WELL, NOW...
...LOOK ON MY WORKS, YE MIGHTY, AND DESPAIR!
HOW MAY WE PLEASE YOU, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CAN'T DESPAIR. PLEASING ME MAKES YOU TOO, TOO HAPPY.
BE A LOVE AND COMMANDEER A LUXURY JET FOR YOUR MAGISTRA...
...I WANT TO SPREAD MY INFLUENCE FASTER.
RIGHT AWAY, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
SIGH!
WELL, MY THRALLS, I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL REQUEST...
ANYTHING, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA!
THIS ENDS HERE, DEMONA. THIS ENDS NOW.
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I SUPPOSE IT WILL...

PROTECT OUR GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA!
KATANA, GNASH, LEX, HUDSON, BROADWAY, ANGELA! YOU'RE WITH ME!
THE REST OF YOU, FOLLOW GOLIATH!
GO, GOLIATH! WE'VE GOT THIS!
BUT BE CAREFUL! THEY'RE INNOCENTS AND NOT RESPONSIBLE! DON'T HURT ANYONE!
TELL THAT TO THEM!

IS THIS DISPLAY OF UNITY SUPPOSED TO INTIMIDATE ME?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHOSE ALLIES YOU STAND WITH?
HAVE I NOT TARGETED ALL HUMANS WITH THE LANCE OF FATE?
AND ARE OUR SIBLINGS' SHELLS NOT HUMAN-MADE?
BROTHER! SISTER! RELEASE ME!
I-I C-CANNOT--
THEIR FREE WILL ONLY EXISTS AT MY MERCY.
AS FOR THESE TWO, EACH WEARS A MYSTIC PENDANT FASHIONED BY HUMAN SORCERERY...
...THUS, EACH HAS RELINQUISHED THEIR GARGOYLE BIRTH-RIGHT!
I HAVE RELINQUISHED NOTHING!

YES, I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE UNAFFECTED. SINCE YOU REEK OF HUMANITY...
THE STINK OF YOUR HUMAN IS IN YOUR HAIR, ON YOUR LIPS, EVERY-WHERE...
...I WILL DEVISE BRAVE PUNISHMENTS FOR HER...
...AND SHE WILL THANK ME FOR THEM WITH TEARS OF JOY IN HER EYES.
YOU WILL NOT HARM ELISA.
RRAARRRR
LIGHTNING.

ZZZAAK
NO ONE EVER SAID YOU WEREN'T *PERSISTENT*, GOLIATH...
...BUT WHAT CAN YOU *HOPE* TO *ACHIEVE* HERE?
I WILL *TURN* THESE *FORCES* BACK UPON YOU.
IMPOSSIBLE! THIS *ENCHANTMENT* CANNOT *TOUCH* ME!
I AM THE *LAST TRUE GARGOYLE* LEFT ON THIS WORLD!
SO *YOU* BELIEVE.

WOULD YOU GRAPPLE UNTIL THE SUN RISES, GOLIATH?! UNTIL YOU TURN TO STONE?!
SHOULD YOU NOT FEAR THAT MORE THAN I?!
FOR I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO "REEKS OF HUMANITY"--
--AM I... DOMINIQUE?
I HAVE... CONTINGENCIES IN PLACE--
--BUT YOU WON'T LAST THAT LONG.

BROADWAY, I NEED--
I KNOW. GO! WE'VE GOT THIS!
WHAT DOES SHE NEED?
FAMILY TIME.
KLANG
I C-CANNOT D-DEFY HER C-COMMANDS--
NO. BUT BE IN NO RUSH TO OBEY THEM EITHER. I GRANT YOU THAT PERMISSION.
THANK YOU, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.

DO NOT INTERFERE, DAUGHTER!
MOTHER, AS LONG AS YOU WALK THE PATH OF EVIL, I WILL STAND AGAINST YOU!

BUT I SWEAR I WOULD STILL EMBRACE YOU GLADLY, SHOULD YOU SEEK A BETTER COURSE.

NO!

YES.

SHIELD!

RRAHHR
YOUR CONTROL WEAKENS, BRUJA!
GOLIATH, DON'T BE A FOOL!
WOULD YOU REALLY SAVE HUMANITY SO IT MIGHT ONE DAY DESTROY US?
IF THE HUMANS EVER DO DESTROY US--YOU WILL BE THE LIKELY CAUSE!
WITNESS WYVERN.
NO...
NOOOOOO!!!
KZZZAAAAZZZ

GATHER 'ROUND ME. REPEAT AFTER ME.
WE MUST DESTROY THESE TALISMEN, AT ONCE.
NOT YET!
HUMANS, WE FOREVER RELEASE YOU FROM THIS GEAS.
HUMANS, WE FOREVER RELEASE YOU FROM THIS GEAS.

APOLOGIES TO OUR NIGHTWATCH AUDIENCE...
...BUT WHATEVER JUST HAPPENED... SEEMS TO BE OVER.
NICE WHILE IT LASTED...
YOU SHOVED ME...
YOU SHOVED ME FIRST.
SO... IS IT TRULY DONE?
JUST ABOUT...
NOW!

KRAK
MREK
SNAP
TINK
TINK
TINK
ZZIP
ZOOM
ZZOT
THOSE ENERGIES WILL EVENTUALLY FIND AND CREATE THREE NEW KEYS OF POWER, OF COURSE...
BUT FOR NOW, IT IS OVER.
FATHER...
...MOTHER IS GONE.

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NO LINGERING EFFECTS, I HOPE?
I'M *FINE*. THANKS TO *YOU* AND THE *CLAN*.
"JADE AND TURQUESA?"
"ON THEIR WAY BACK TO *AVALON*...
"...AND FROM THERE, HOPEFULLY... *HOME* TO THE *GREEN* AND *THEIR* CLAN."
YUP. TURKEY'S *RUINED*. LUCKY THIS WHOLE PLACE DIDN'T CATCH FIRE.
WE HAVE OTHER THINGS TO BE *THANKFUL* FOR.
AND OTHER THINGS TO *MOURN*...
SORRY THE FEAST DIDN'T WORK OUT, ROBBINS.
LEAST OF OUR WORRIES, *HUH?*
AMP: Well... sun's about to rise. Guess I'll find out what happened tomorrow night....
TIN MAN: Sorry, again. But, hey, at least I'll have quite the story to tell. It's kinda complicated though. How about I CALL?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP TONIGHT, GOLDSTONE.
OF COURSE, ELISA MAZA. YOU ARE CLAN.
HOW LONG?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING WITH OUR SISTER?
DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE I DO NOT KNOW YOUR HEART?
MY LOVE, I--
MY MATE HAS BETRAYED THE CLAN TO DEMONA.
NO. THAT CANNOT BE TRUE--
HE WILL NOT DENY IT...
...WILL YOU?
NO.
DEMONA'S PLAN PROVIDED THE ONLY TRUE PATH TO SAFETY FOR OUR CLAN--AND OUR SPECIES.
AND THUS YOU CONSPIRED WITH HER BEHIND MY BACK, BROTHER?
HE MUST BE BANISHED, GOLIATH.
BANISHED? YES. I SUPPOSE THAT IS SO. BUT FOR HOW LONG?
UNTIL I JUDGE HIM WORTHY OF RETURN.

I ACCEPT MY PUNISHMENT.
I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT ONE OF THE CLAN COULD BETRAY--
NOOOOOO!!!
THAT SOUNDED LIKE KATANA...
...CALLING FROM THE ROOKERY...
GASP! OH, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO...
...I REMEMBER...

"...DEMONA ENTRANCED ME AT THE PRECINCT...
"...AND ASSIGNED ME A TASK THAT I WAS ALL TOO HAPPY TO CARRY OUT...
"...I WENT DOWN TO THE ROOKERY AND MADE NICE WITH BRONX AND FU-DOG...
"...AND THEN I...THEN I...
PFT PFT
"...I STOLE EGWARDO!"

THE DETECTIVE FOLLOWED YOUR DIRECTIONS TO THE LETTER...
...SHE NEVER SAW ME. HAS NO IDEA WHO RECOVERED THE PACKAGE OR WHERE IT WAS DELIVERED.
THEN THE NIGHT WASN'T A TOTAL LOSS...
...AND WE WILL RAISE THIS HATCHLING THE WAY A TRUE GARGOYLE SHOULD BE RAISED...
...TO HATE THE HUMANS AND VIE TO DESTROY THEM...
...THEM-- AND ANY FALSE GARGOYLES WHO STAND IN OUR WAY.
ONE QUEST MAY BE OVER. BUT FOR US, IT'S...
NEVER THE END.

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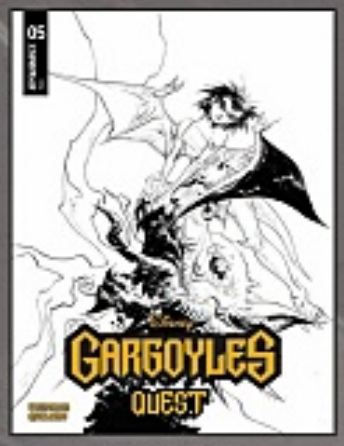

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